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### **MoDOT Continuing to Seek Alternate Transportation For Glasgow *Citizens Committee Getting Involved***

MACON – Representatives from MoDOT and members of the Glasgow Alternative Transportation Committee recently met with Calhoun Ferry Company to gain more insight on the feasibility of providing a ferry service during the upcoming closure of the Glasgow Bridge. Calhoun offered details on this type of operation such as cost, possible trip schedules, access, vehicle limitations and emergency services.

A previous estimate of \$2.8 million was to provide a ferry at both Glasgow and Miami. The substantial initial costs would have been split between the two locations, at a cost of \$1.4 million each. Because MoDOT is not yet certain whether a ferry can operate at Miami, an updated cost estimate for providing a ferry service at Glasgow alone is roughly \$2 million. This \$600,000 increase in cost from the previous estimate will increase the challenge of funding a ferry service. Actual contract costs would be determined through a bid proposal process.

Calhoun said the estimated \$2 million could provide service 7 days a week 12 hours per day, and possibly make continuous trips back and forth to minimize waiting time. The service would be limited 12 hours per day due to US Coast Guard regulations on the number of hours per day that a ferry crew can operate. Access could be provided through Stump Island Park on the east side and the construction site on the west side.

Calhoun's ferry is 34' wide by 90' long and could transport up to 80 tons at a time, and handle 15 typical passenger cars per trip. Additionally, emergency vehicles, combines, road tractors, school buses and other larger vehicles could be transported. Transporting the larger vehicles would limit the total number of passenger vehicles that could be transported in a given 12-hour period.

MoDOT and the Glasgow Alternate Transportation Committee are continuing to pursue sources for funding. Additionally, revenue could be generated from local participation through the collection of fares for using the ferry service.

“We understand the community is concerned with the 12-month bridge closure,” said Design Engineer Brian Haeffner. “We are working with the Committee to find a way to provide an alternate transportation service. Over the past several months MoDOT has been conducting preliminary research regarding various forms of alternate transportation such as a ferry service, passenger rail and commuter shuttle.”

The over \$14 million project was awarded in January. The current time line as the project moves forward is:

Contractor Notice to Proceed	March 10, 2008
Begin Bridge Closure Window	June 1, 2008
Maximum Bridge Closure Days	365 calendar days
End Bridge Closure Window	Sept. 1, 2009
Project Completion Date	Dec. 31, 2009

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